Snake bite

*143. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of people in India die of snake bite every year;

(b) if so, what steps are proposed to be taken to ensure proper treatment of such patients in the rural hospitals and health centres; and

(c) whether Government propose to include the subject of or chapter on snake bite in the curriculum for study of General medicine?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Instructions have been given to State Governments to ensure availability of anti-snake Venum Serum injections in replaceable emergency kits alongwith other medicine at the Primary Health Centres and Community Health Centres (Rural Hospitals) for treatment of Snake bites.

(c) The chapter on snake bite has already been included in the curriculum at the level of under-graduate medical courses.

Shortage of medicines in CGHS

*144. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any complaints regarding shortage of medicines in the C.G.H.S. dispensaries and supply of sub-standard medicines to the patients through them;

(b) whether Government have set-up any machinery to ensure adequate supply of Standard medicines to the patients;

(c) whether Government have any machinery to test the quality of the medicines before they are purchased in bulk for distribution to the patients; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) C.G.H.S. Medical Stores Depot has been entrustetd with the job of ensuring adequate supply of standard medicines to the CGHS Dispensaries.

(c) and (d) All the medicines procured in bulk by the CGHS are supplied by the Medical Stores Organisation after testing each batch of medicines supplied to CGHS.

*145. [*Transferred to the 11th August*, 1987.]

Problems in admission of SC|ST students

*146. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA:

SHRI T.K.C. VADUTHALA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the SC|ST and backward class students were facing problems in getting admission in colleges particularly in Delhi this year;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Dalit Students Federation had demanded that full quota reserved for SC|ST candidates in various programmes of students in Central Universities and colleges in the country should be filled up; and

(c) if so, what remedial measures have been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P.V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) According to the information furnished by the University of Delhi, all the registered SC|ST students who could not possibly get admission in the colleges and approached the